firing at ships, the bows, arrows, lances and other weapons there stored They saw also the place where the Earl of Essex was beheaded, but by reason that the Queen is not in London they were unable to see the royal jewels, the crown and the sceptre, nor the gown lined with the skin of a unicorn In the afternoon they saw the bears baited, and the bulls, to their no small con-tentment

i%th September THE DUKE OF STETTIN

This day the Duke visited the museum of Mr Robert Cotton where he saw many strange things, as arms from the East Indies, crowns from America, two teeth of sea horse, the torn of a rhinoceros also the tail with very coarse hairs, many strange birds and fishes , that famous fish called *remora* that hath scales almost square , also a mummy, together with many boob written in India

Thence they went to see the Children of the Chapel play, being informed that the children are required to act a play once a week to the end that they may acquire courteous manners, being furnished with the theatre and an abundance of costly garments Those who would see a play must give as much as 8s but there are always a number present, of whom many be reputable women, because useful precepts and good doctrine— so they were told— is pronounced there All their plays they act by the light of candles, and for an hour before the play begins there is a concert of music on organs, lutes, pandoras, mandolins, violins and flutes They noted that the singing of one boy was so tuneful that they had not heard the bke of it, save for the nuns in Milan

I₉th September THE QUEFN AND SIR R CECIL

In Court there is much dancing, especially in

the Pny
Chamber, of country dances before the Queen, who is exceed-
^y pleased therewxth Of late the young Countess jd Derby
wearing about her neck m her bosom a picture which was in a
Imty tablet, the Queen espying it asked what fine jewel i was
The Lady Derby was curious to excuse the showing of it, but
^eQuel would have it, and opening it and finding it to be
Sec etary's, snatched it away and tied it *F« J* *£
g long Utit there, Then she pinned * upon her elbow